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Dear Mr. McDermott:

**SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Review  
Archaeological Inventory Survey Plan--  
For Construction Phase II of the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project,  
Waiawa, Manana, Waimano, Waiau, Waimalu, Kalauao, 'Aiea and Halawa  
Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, O'ahu, Hawai'i  
TMK: (1) 9-7, 9-8, 9-9 (Various Plats and Parcels)**

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to review this Archaeological Inventory Survey Plan (AISP), (*Archaeological Inventory Survey Plan For Construction Phase II of the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, Waiawa, Manana, Waimano, Waiau, Waimalu, Kalauao, 'Aiea and Halawa Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, O'ahu, Hawai'i TMK: (1) 9-7, 9-8, 9-9 (Various Plats and Parcels)* [Hammatt and Shideler MA, March 2009]) which we received on April 7, 2010.

The transit corridor is a very complex project which includes stations, park-and-ride facilities, and piers and requires flexibility on the part of archaeological contractors in inventorying historic properties. Due to geography, urban settlement, previous archaeological work, or the lack thereof, and the non-sensitive and sensitive archaeological areas, the approach was to split the project area in construction phases. All aspects of the archaeological inventory survey were developed around these distinct loci.

Archaeological survey techniques to be employed are driven by the necessity to determine historic properties subsurface in areas of sensitivity. Additionally, these techniques will also confirm the lack of properties in areas not sensitive. These techniques include test trenching, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and limited areal excavations. We agree that these methods will adequately document historic properties that, if significant and with further consultation with this office, be investigated in a mitigation phase.

At the Oahu Island Burial Council Meeting on May 13, 2010, the AISP was presented and no specific comments or revisions were made. The OIBC did suggest that some literature on the chants be included in the background section of the final report.

This AISP is accepted and meets the minimum standards for compliance under Hawai'i administrative Rules.

We are in receipt of a hardcopy of this document, which we will mark as FINAL. Please send text-searchable PDF version on CD along with a copy of this review letter to the attention of Wendy Tolleson and "SHPD Library" at the Kapolei SHPD office.

Please contact me at (808) 692-8015 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Matt McDermott  
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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy A. McMahon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nancy A. McMahon (Deputy SHPO)  
State Historic Preservation Officer